



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5737

LCO No. 4573



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS AND MILITARY TOURISM TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Department of Economic
2 and Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner
3 of Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's designee, shall establish a
4 Veterans and Military Tourism Trail linking museums, memorials,
5 battleground sites and other historic sites in the state relating to veterans
6 and the United States armed forces. The Department of Economic and
7 Community Development and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs,
8 or the commissioner's designee, shall jointly determine which
9 museums, memorials, battleground sites and other historic sites to
10 include in the Veterans and Military Tourism Trail. The Department of
11 Economic and Community Development shall establish a program to
12 publicize the existence of the Veterans and Military Tourism Trail and
13 shall publish a brochure that indicates the location and history of each
14 site. The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's
15 designee, shall solicit funds covering the costs of implementing such
16 program and brochure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To create a Veterans and Military Tourism Trail linking museums, memorials, battleground sites and historic sites in the state relating to veterans and the United States armed forces.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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